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SUBJECT:DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT

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1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED ON COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT JULY 18 TO DISCUSS MOSCOW SUMMIT, CSCE, TRADE BILL PROSPECTS AND POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY VISITING SCANDINAVIA. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF MOSCOW SUMMIT, PARTICULARLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAFEGUARDS AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, BARTELS ASKED ABOUT US VIEWS ON FUTURE TIES WITH SOVIET UNION: DOES US VIEW USSR AS BASICALLY A DEVELOPING COUNTRY? NOTING THAT USSR HAD ENORMOUS NATURAL RESOURCES POTENTIAL, AND TIGHT CONTROL OVER INTERNAL DEMAND PRESSURES, WHEREAS THE WEST WAS INCREASINGLY FEELING THE PINCH OF TIGHTER RESOURCE AVAILABILITY, BARTELS ASKED IF THE US TOOK THIS INTO
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ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING BASIC POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION.

BARTELS EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN TOOK THIS LINE IN WASHINGTON. SONNENFELDT REPLIED THAT SOVIETS DID INDEED HAVE NATURAL RESOURCES, BUT HAD NOT ALLOCATED CAPITAL NECESSARY TO DEVELOP THEM. FOREIGN CAPITAL WAS AN OBVIOUS REMEDY, BUT INTERNAL SOVIET OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN "EXPLOITATION," TRADITIONAL SOVIET XENOPHOBIA, AUTARCHIC POLICY ORIENTATION AND UNWILLINGNESS OF SOVIETS TO ACCEPT CONCESSIONS IN OTHER AREAS ALL MILITATE AGAINST

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET NATURAL RESOURCES. ON US SIDE, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DEBATE ON WISDOM OF TYING UP MASSIVE US CREDITS FOR SUCH PROJECTS, AS WELL AS MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT US CAPITAL AFFORDS US SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL LEVERAGE OVER INTERNAL SOVIET POLICY. US INVOLVEMENT IN MASSIVE NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS IN THE USSR, THEREFORE, WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN SHORT-TERM.

2. BARTELS MADE POINTS REPORTED EARLIER (REFTELS ABOUT CATASTROPHIC EFFECT ON DENMARK OF A UK WITHDRAWAL FROM EC; ELICITED, AS HE ALWAYS DOES, STATEMENT OF US SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY; AND, FOR FIRST TIME, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS SPEAKING ON THIS POINT WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, HE HAD ALWAYS FELT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD IGNORED SCANDINAVIA AND PRESSED FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR A VISIT BY SECRETARY (COPENHAGEN OR OSLO) SOMETIME IN UNSPECIFIED FUTURE. KISSINGER

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